

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



**Planting Cotton/Soybean/Sorghum/Rice and Fertilizing Pastures*

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RELEASED: April 24, 2000 3:00 p.m.— Temperatures were slightly below normal for the week with some rain over the weekend bringing cooler temperatures according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 17 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus.

CROPS: Wheat continues to be a priority for producers across the state. Stripe rust was being treated and armyworms were being monitored in wheat fields. As corn planting winds down, rice and sorghum planting continues in full swing. Cotton, and soybean planting began. Corn was being fertilized in the southwest. Producers continued with pre-plant weed control on soybean and cotton ground. Tomatoes were starting to set fruit. Other activities included land preparation for cotton ground, fertilizing and liming pastures and spraying for weed control in pastures.

LIVESTOCK: Producers continued working cattle and calves. Cattle were making excellent gains on cool season pastures.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM								
Planted	38	23	32					
Emerged	15	NA	NA					
COTTON								
Planted	2	3	3					
SOYBEANS								
Planted	5	4	6					
RICE								
Planted	36	26	38					
Emerged	5	NA	NA					
CORN								
Planted	92	68	83					
Emerged	67	NA	NA					
WHEAT				1	5	23	51	20
Headed	85	64	55					
ALFALFA				1	5	32	60	2
OTH. HAY				3	5	35	49	8
PASTURE				1	6	29	52	12

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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING: APRIL 23, 2000. Most areas of the state reported near normal temperatures. The rainfall was below normal for the period. The high temperature of 87^o and the low temperature of 24^o were both reported by Gilbert. Precipitation ranged from 0.00 at several reporting stations to 0.69 inches at Mountain Home.



- NO DATA
- VERY SHORT
- SHORT
- ADEQUATE
- SURPLUS

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING ARPIL 23, 2000

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING APR 23	CURRENT APR ACCUM.	APR NORMAL	JAN-MAR	
1 Fayetteville	81	27	-3	0.18	1.55	4.44	6.48	7.69
Harrison	81	31	-1	0.16	1.01	4.27	7.42	8.73
2 Calico Rock	82	26	-4	0.30	0.96	4.24	8.08	9.72
Evening Shade				na	0.00	4.44	0.00	10.99
Gilbert	87	24	-1	0.77	1.64	4.38	6.49	8.86
Greers Ferry	80	33	-2	0.06	2.49	4.79	9.60	12.21
Mountain Home	82	30	-3	0.69	1.23	4.40	8.36	9.30
3 Batesville	80	32	-3	0.10	1.17	4.72	8.87	11.36
Black Rock				na	0.00	4.30	0.00	11.78
Georgetown				na	0.00	5.35	0.00	13.01
Jonesboro	76	29	-3	0.09	1.78	5.11	7.81	12.97
Keiser	77	32	-2	0.04	3.38	5.19	9.45	13.73
Newport	78	35	-3	0.15	2.45	4.85	9.79	12.55
4 Booneville	83	33	na	0.00	1.33	na	5.59	na
Clarksville	83	34	-3	0.08	0.77	4.38	6.25	10.34
Dardanelle	80	29	-2	0.00	1.09	4.40	7.72	11.12
Ft. Smith	85	31	-2	0.05	1.00	3.97	5.72	8.45
Mena	78	29	-6	0.00	2.24	5.80	9.49	11.81
Ozark	81	33	-5	0.05	1.08	4.35	7.76	9.54
5 Hot Springs	85	35	-3	0.00	1.88	5.89	8.88	13.14
N Little Rock	83	39	-1	0.52	2.80	5.08	8.73	11.71
6 Augusta				na	0.00	5.14	0.00	12.47
Marianna	75	35	-4	0.03	3.71	5.51	11.75	13.81
Stuttgart	78	43	1	0.05	3.11	5.25	9.12	13.18
7 Hope	80	31	-5	0.12	2.32	5.55	8.78	12.25
8 Camden	82	33	-5	0.12	3.22	5.12	12.10	13.21
El Dorado	84	33	-1	0.17	4.15	5.37	12.16	13.59
9 Arkansas City				na	0.00	5.43	0.00	15.38
Eudora	83	27	-5	0.00	8.53	5.31	18.55	15.88
Pine Bluff	82	34	-4	0.00	2.18	5.28	8.31	13.81
Rohwer	78	38	-4	0.08	9.60	5.46	16.40	15.03

na = data not available

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